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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Palm Springs – Suspect Arrested After Making Bomb Threat

(U) A Coachella man has been arrested on suspicion of threatening to blow up the Desert X outdoor art exhibition, an alleged threat that came one day after a pipe bomb was discovered in Palm Springs, though police say they haven't determined if the two are related. Phillip Carrillo, 32, was arrested at his home, according to Palm Springs police. He's in custody at the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning on allegations of making a bomb threat.

SOURCE: 25 February 2021, [Desert Sun](#)

(U) Rocklin – Two Indicted for Trafficking Meth, Fentanyl for Mexican Drug Trafficking Organization

(U) A federal grand jury handed down indictments to two people accused of transporting methamphetamine and fentanyl to Placer County for a Mexico-based drug trafficking organization, the US Department of Justice announced. Demecio Navarro Sanchez, 66, of Mexico, and Daniel Melchor, 20, of Santa Ana, both face charges of conspiring to distribute and possessing with intent to distribute. On 16 October 2020, officers seized around 19,000 counterfeit oxycodone M-30 pills containing fentanyl and 38.5-pounds of meth. The items were located in separate vehicles Navarro and Melchor used to transport them to Rocklin on behalf of the drug organization.

SOURCE: 25 February 2021, [CBS Sacramento](#)

(U) Sacramento – Deputies Defuse Bomb; Multiple Weapons Removed from Home

(U) The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office is warning people to avoid the area near where law enforcement was gathered in Carmichael after a bomb was found. The device was in the process of being defused, the sheriff's office said. The sheriff's office identified a suspect as Bradley Bodai, 39. Footage shows law enforcement laying out at least 20 guns on tarps outside a home. Jesuit High School nearby briefly issued a shelter in place.

SOURCE: 25 February 2021, [KCRA3](#)

(U) San Diego – Meth, Fentanyl Seized, Four Arrested in Raid

(U) Four people were arrested, and drugs seized including methamphetamine and fentanyl, after Drug Enforcement Administration agents and other law enforcement officers raided a Clairemont-area home. According to DEA officials, agents seized methamphetamine, liquid methamphetamine, fentanyl powder, counterfeit fentanyl pills, and PCP from the house. Officials confirmed two men and two women were arrested.

SOURCE: 25 February 2021, [ABC10 News San Diego](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Agents Arrest Group of 130 Immigrants

(U) Edinburg – McAllen Border Patrol Station agents working near Mission, Texas, encountered a group of 130 illegal aliens comprised primarily of families and unaccompanied children. Agents determined the subjects to be citizens of El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. Large groups of individuals

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traveling together have become a common occurrence in the Rio Grande Valley Sector. Border Patrol will process all subjects accordingly.

SOURCE: 25 February 2021, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – DHS Announces \$77 Million Funding to Combat Domestic Violent Extremism

(U) Washington – The Department of Homeland Security said it would provide \$77 million in grant funding for state and local governments to combat domestic violent extremism. The grants for domestic violent extremism will fund programs aimed at “open source analysis of threats, execution of threat assessment programs, the development and sharing of intelligence across states and between states and the federal government, and the development of training and awareness programs,” DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said.

SOURCE: 25 February 2021, [Washington Post](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Security will Remain High at Capitol Due to State of the Union Threat

(U) Washington – The Capitol Police is keeping its security posture high in response to intelligence that indicates some extremists who joined the 6 January insurrection have discussed plans to attack the building during the State of the Union, Acting Capitol Police Chief Yogananda Pittman revealed. The chatter among extremists about trying to blow up the Capitol during the still-unscheduled presidential address, Pittman said, has prompted the Capitol Police to maintain the elevated presence it has kept since last month's riot. Any decrease in the police's posture, she said, would come after the threat passes and other gaps identified in the aftermath of the Capitol siege are resolved.

SOURCE: 25 February 2021, [Politico](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Senegal, Morocco, Caymans Added to Terror Finance Watch List

(U) Paris – An international agency that monitors terrorism funding added four new places to its watch list for increased monitoring, the organization's president said. The Financial Action Task Force, or FATF, added Morocco, Burkina Faso, Senegal, and the Cayman Islands to the watch list during a plenary session, agency president Marcus Pleyer said. With the four additions, the so-called gray list currently has 19 countries and territories that FATF said are only partially fulfilling international rules for fighting terrorism financing and money laundering.

SOURCE: 25 February 2021, [ABC News](#)

(U) Germany – Police Officers Raid Apartments of Suspected Islamic Extremists

(U) Berlin – Hundreds of German police officers conducted coordinated raids in Berlin and the surrounding state of Brandenburg in the investigation of an organization banned over allegations of Islamic extremism. Some 850 police, including SWAT teams, were involved in the raids of apartments linked to members of the organization known as Jama'atu Berlin, the state Interior Ministry said. The organization, whose name translates literally as the “Berlin Group,” was banned by Berlin's state Interior Minister Andreas Geisel ahead of the raids on the grounds it was a “very radical” group that followed the Islamic State group's ideology.

SOURCE: 25 February 2021, [AP News](#)

(U) Iraq – At Least One Fighter Killed in US Air Strikes on Iran-Backed Militias in Syria

(U) Baghdad – US air strikes against Iran-backed militias in eastern Syria killed at least one fighter and wounded several others in what US officials said was a calibrated response to rocket attacks on

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American personnel in Iraq. The US strikes targeted militia sites on the Syrian side of the Iraqi-Syrian border, where groups backed by Iran control an important crossing for weapons, personnel and goods.
SOURCE: 26 February 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nigeria – Gunmen Kill 36 in Attacks on Villages

(U) Abuja – Gunmen killed 36 people in two attacks in northern Nigeria, officials said. The series of attacks by armed bandits occurred over the past 48 hours with 18 people killed each in villages of Kaduna and Katsina states and several others injured. The assailants burnt down houses, displacing the villagers. Such attacks have added to security challenges in Nigeria, which is struggling to contain Islamist insurgencies in the northeast

SOURCE: 25 February 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Russia – Man Sentenced to Eight Years for Handing Over Secrets to China

(U) Moscow – A Russian court sentenced a man to eight years in prison after finding him guilty of state treason for allegedly handing over secrets to China. Vladimir Vasilyev, 52, was arrested in Russia's eastern Siberian Zabaykalsky region that borders Mongolia and China in August 2019. He pled guilty to the charge of treason. Vasilyev gathered and handed over information that constituted a state secret to China's intelligence services.

SOURCE: 25 February 2021, [Reuters](#)

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